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ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL NOON PRESS BRIEFING HELD OCTOBER 31,
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MET WITH SMALL NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS
AND PROVIDED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN AND
ADDRESSED OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED. EXCERPTS OF THIS
EXCHANGE FOLLOW:

SPOKESMAN: WE HAD SOME OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS FROM
YESTERDAY. GEORGE GEDDA ALSO ASKED ME TO COMMENT ON CARL
ROWAN'S COLUMN IN TODAY'S STAR.

FIRST, THE SITUATION IN BEIRUT TODAY.

A NEW CEASE-FIRE WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, AS YOU SAW IN
THE PRESS. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WE HAD AS OF THIS
MORNING, THE SITUATION DOES APPEAR CALMER. OUR
EMBASSY DID SAY THERE WAS STILL SOME OCCASIONAL SMALL
ARMS FIRE. WE NATURALLY HOPE THAT THIS CEASE-FIRE WILL
HOLD AND, AS WE SAID YESTERDAY, THAT A PROCESS OF POLITICAL
COMPROMISE AND ACCOMMODATION WILL TAKE PLACE.
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NOW, AS FAR AS THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS, TWO DAYS AGO WE
SAID THAT THE NON-OFFICIAL COMMUNITY TOTALED ABOUT 2500,
INCLUDING THE 1500 WHO ARE FAIRLY PERMANENT, SUCH AS DUAL
NATIONALS.

Q. NON-OFFICIALS?

A. YES, I AM TALKING ABOUT THE NON-OFFICIALS. IF YOU
SUBTRACT 1500 FROM 2500, YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATED THOUSAND
WHO WE THINK ARE MORE OR LESS TRANSIENT, OR PEOPLE WHO
ARE LIKELY TO LEAVE. AND OF THAT, WE GUESS THAT ANOTHER
500 HAVE LEFT. SO THERE ARE STILL PERHAPS ANOTHER FIVE
HUNDRED WHO MIGHT STILL WANT TO LEAVE.

IN ADDITION, SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AREAS OF HIGH TENSION IN BEIRUT.

NOW, ON THE OFFICIAL AMERICANS, AS OF THE END OF THE DAY YESTERDAY, IN BEIRUT, THERE WERE ABOUT 230 STILL THERE, BUT DEPARTURES ARE CONTINUING.

YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THAT PAN AMERICAN AGAIN HAS SUSPENDED SERVICE INTO BEIRUT, IN AND OUT OF BEIRUT, WHICH THEY HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. THAT HAS NOT AFFECTED THE DEPARTURE OF PEOPLE. THERE ARE STILL SEATS AVAILABLE ON OTHER COMMERCIAL AIRLINES COMING IN AND OUT.

THAT IS WHAT I HAVE ON LEBANON.

ON AMBASSADOR TOON'S REMARKS YESTERDAY, WE SAID WE WOULD LOOK INTO THE ACCOUNTS, AND WE NOW HAVE RECEIVED AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE SAID. THERE WAS NOT A TRANSCRIPT AVAILABLE OF WHAT HE SAID. THE ACCOUNT THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OUR EMBASSY WE ARE TYPING UP NOW. AND WE SHOULD HAVE IT AVAILABLE FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WANT TO LOOK AT IT. I AM NOT PUTTING IT OUT AS A PRESS RELEASE. I AM JUST MAKING IT AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO LOOK AT, TO EACH HAVE COPIES OF IT. AND IT WILL BE READY BY 1:30, I HOPE.

IN LOOKING OVER THIS ACCOUNT THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED OF WHAT HE SAID--THE ANSWERS HE GAVE TO QUESTIONS FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED

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REMARKS BEFORE THE HAIFA ROTARY CLUB ON THE 29TH OF OCTOBER--THE PRESS REPORTS YESTERDAY WERE A SUBSTANTIALLY ACCURATE REFLECTION OF SOME BUT NOT ALL OF HIS ANSWERS. ON THOSE POINTS WHERE HIS REMARKS DEPARTED FROM OFFICIAL POLICY, THEY OBVIOUSLY DO NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

Q. COULD YOU REPEAT THAT, PLEASE.

A. ON THOSE POINTS WHERE HIS REMARKS DEPARTED FROM OFFICIAL POLICY, THEY OBVIOUSLY DO NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. I WOULD ADD PARENTHETICALLY THAT OBVIOUSLY HE WAS NOT INSTRUCTED TO MAKE THESE REMARKS IN HAIFA. WE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THE SPEECH UNTIL WE HEARD ABOUT IT.

I DON'T THINK WE WANT TO GET INTO A POINT-BY-POINT DISCUSSION HERE. YOU KNOW WHAT OUR POSITION IS ON THE PRINCIPAL POINTS MADE IN THE SPEECH, AND YOU CAN READ THE ACCOUNT WE HAVE OF WHAT HE SAID.

Q. I THINK YOU ARE OBLIGED TO ITEMIZE THOSE PARTICULAR

POINTS WHERE HE DEPARTED.

A. NO, I AM NOT GOING TO ITEMIZE THEM. YOU CAN READ FOR YOURSELF WHAT HE SAID, AND YOU CAN SEE WHAT WE HAVE SAID AS RECENTLY AS YESTERDAY ON THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT IT IN HIS BRIEFING YESTERDAY.

Q. NO, YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY, BECAUSE ANDERSON REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE REMARKS, ON THE U.S. POSITION.

A. WHAT DID HE REFUSE TO COMMENT ON?

Q. HE REFUSED TO MAKE ANY COMMENT CONCERNING PRESIDENT SADAT'S REMARKS ABOUT ZIONISM, WHICH IS WHAT YOU HAVE THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTING ON.

A. BUT HE RESTATED OUR POSITION ON THE UN RESOLUTION ON ZIONISM YESTERDAY.

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Q. THE QUESTION WASN'T ON THE POSITION ON THE UN RESOLUTION ON ZIONISM. BUT YOU HAVE AMBASSADOR TOON COMMENTING ON PRESIDENT SADAT'S REMARKS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT DECLINES TO COMMENT ON PRESIDENT SADAT'S REMARKS. THEREFORE, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON THE RECORD FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING PRESIDENT SADAT'S REMARKS.

A. WELL, BEFORE THE AMBASSADOR MADE HIS REMARKS, WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON PRESIDENT SADAT'S REMARKS, WE AND THE WHITE HOUSE, I BELIEVE, DECLINED TO COMMENT DIRECTLY ON WHAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAD SAID OR HAD NOT SAID. INSTEAD WE RESTATED WHAT OUR POSITION WAS ON THE SUBJECT. AND THAT IS WHAT I AM DOING TODAY.

Q. SO HOW CAN AMBASSADOR TOON'S REMARKS POSSIBLY DEPART FROM OFFICIAL POLICY IF THERE IS NO KNOWN OFFICIAL POLICY?

A. THERE IS A KNOWN OFFICIAL POLICY, AND IT IS AS WE HAVE STATED ON THIS ISSUE.

Q. LET ME PICK THAT UP, IF I CAN. AMBASSADOR TOON SAID THAT PRESIDENT SADAT'S REMARKS WERE UNCALLED FOR. AMBASSADOR TOON SAID THAT PRESIDENT SADAT'S REMARKS EMBARRASSED THE UNITED STATES AND PRESIDENT FORD. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO COMMENT ON THAT. DID THEY?

A. I AM NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON A POINT-BY-POINT REFUTATION OR DISCUSSION OF WHAT HE SAID. WE WILL HAVE THE ACCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR YOU, AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE

SAID, WHICH IS NOT A TRANSCRIPT. AND ON THOSE MAJOR SUBJECTS THAT WERE REPORTED IN HIS REMARKS, AND WHICH AMBASSADOR ANDERSON ADDRESSED YESTERDAY, OBVIOUSLY, AND IN PREVIOUS REMARKS ON THOSE PRINCIPAL TOPICS, THAT IS OUR POSITION.

Q. WHERE DID HE DEPART? I THINK YOU MUST TELL US WHERE HE DEPARTED.

A. WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET INTO A POINT-BY-POINT DIS-UNCLASSIFIED

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CUSSION HERE.

Q. THEN WHY ARE YOU CALLING US IN TO BRIEF AND LEAVING US WITH THIS FUDGE?

A. WE DID NOT HAVE A BRIEFING TODAY BECAUSE OF THE SECRETARY'S APPEARANCE ON THE HILL AND BECAUSE A NUMBER OF THE REPORTERS ARE GOING TO BE THERE. AS ALWAYS IN SUCH A SITUATION, WE ARE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. MURREY MARDER AND LARS NELSON CAME IN AND ASKED ON BEHALF OF SEVERAL OF YOU THAT WE HAVE THIS SORT OF PNFORMAL BRIEFING, UNLIKE THE REGULAR BRIEFING. SO I AM DOING IT IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS. NOW, THIS IS INFORMATION THAT I HAVE TO GIVE ON THOSE QUESTIONS.

Q. WELL, DID SADAT EMBARRASS THE PRESIDENT AND THE COUNTRY?

A. THAT IS THE QUESTION THAT WE HAVE BEEN ASKED SINCE PRESIDENT SADAT'S ARRIVAL, AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO COMMENT DIRECTLY ON REMARKS OF PRESIDENT SADAT. BUT WE HAVE SAID WHAT OUR OWN POLICY IS.

Q. BUT YOU ARE NOT COMMENTING ON HIS REMARKS.

A. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY GAVE THE MOST RECENT STATEMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO, I BELIEVE, ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THIS UN RESOLQTION ON ZIONISM.

Q. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU ARE LETTING AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR -- YOU ARE DISSOCIATING YOURSELF FROM THE REMARKS OF AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND LEAVING IT UP TO US TO DETERMINE HOW FAR HE IS OUT ON A LIMB BY HIMSELF, WHICH SEEMS TO BE AN AWKWARD POSITION TO PUT MR. TOON IN.

A. I DON'T THINK IT IS ALL THAT DIFFICULT. YOU KNOW WHAT HE SAID. THE PRESS ACCOUNTS THAT WERE REPORTED YESTERDAY WERE SUBSTANTIALY ACCURATE OF SOME

BUT NOT ALL OF HIS ANSWERS. AND I THINK WHEN YOU
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SEE THE ACCOUNT WE HAVE IT WILL BE SELF-EVIDENT TO YOU.
WE ARE JUST NOT GOING TO GET INTO A POINT-BY-POINT
DISCUSSION HERE.

Q. WHAT YOU ARE DOING IN EFFECT IS YOU ARE SAYING
WHERE HIS REMARKS DEPARTED FROM OFFICIAL POLICY THEY DO
NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, BUT YOU
WILL NOT TELL US WHERE HE DEPARTED. YOU ARE GIVING US THE
BALL AND TELLING US TO RUN WITH IT.

A. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISTS.

Q. YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING WORSE THAN THAT. YOU ARE
SAYING THAT THE PRESS ACCOUNTS WERE NOT TOTALLY ACCURATE,
WITHOUT SAYING WHAT THEY WERE, AND YOU ARE SAYING THAT
HIS REMARKS DEPARTED FROM U.S. POLICY WITHOUT SAYING
WHAT THEY WERE.

A. NO. WE HAVE SAID WHAT U.S. POLICY IS. AS I HAVE
JUST REMINDED YOU -- WPPARENTLY NONE OF YOU HAD SEEN IT --
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES RESTATED YESTERDAY
WHAT OUR POSITION WAS ON THE ZIONISM RESOLUTION.

Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. POLICY ON THE PRESIDENT BEING
EMBARRASSED BY SADAT'S REMARKS? YOU ARE CONFINING U.S.
POLICY TO THE SUBJECT OF THE UN RESOLUTION ON
ZIONISM. THAT WE UNDERSTAND.

A. TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE RAISED, YES.

Q. BUT I AM ASKING YOU WHAT IS THE U.S. POLICY ON SADAT'S
REMARKS BEING UNCALLED FOR? WHAT IS THE U.S. POLICY ON
THE PRESIDENT BEING EMBARRASSED? AND WHAT IS THE U.S.
POLICY ON THE U.S. BEING EMBARRASSED?

A. AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, I AM IN NO POSITION TO
ANSWER THAT QUESTION. YOU MAY ASK THE WHITE HOUSE,
INASMUCH AS IT INVOLVES THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES.

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Q. WHAT HAS AMBASSADOR TOON BEEN TOLD? HAS HE BEEN
REPRIMANDED, REBUKED?

A. THEDEPARTMENT HAS CONVEYED TO HIM ESSENTIALLY WHAT

I HAVE JUST SAID TO YOU.

Q. I HOPE IT'S CLEARER TO HIM THAN IT IS TO US, BECAUSE OTHERWISE HE WON'T KNOW IF HE IS BEING REBUKED OR COMMENDED.

Q. WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF U.S. OR ISRAELI ACTION IN THE EVENT THAT OUTSIDE FORCES, INCLUDING SYRIA, MOVE ON LEBANON?

A. OUR POSITION ON LEBANON AND ANY OUTSIDE INTERVENTION IN LEBANON IS AS WAS STATED YESTERDAY AND THE DAY BEFORE.

Q. YESTERDAY'S STATEMENT DEALT ONLY WITH THE PAST. MR. TOON DEALT WITH THE FUTURE.

A. NO -- I THINK OUR POLICY, WHEN WE REITERATED IT -- AND I THINK WE SAID TWO DAYS AGO THAT WE HAD RECENTLY REITERATED TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WHAT OUR POSITION ON LEBANON WAS, WHICH HAD BEEN OUTLINED FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH THE LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK.

Q. YES. BUT AMBASSADOR TOON MENTIONED THE FUTURE POSSIBILITY OF MOVEMENT ON LEBANON BY OUTSIDE FORCES. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF U.S. ACTION OR NON-ACTPON IN THAT EVENT?

A. I THINK YOU ASKED THAT SAME QUESTION OF AMBASSADOR ANDERSON YESTERDAY AND THE REPLY IS AS HE STATED IT.

Q. IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO WHEN YOU SAY WHERE HIS REMARKS DEPARTED FROM U.S. -- FROM OFFICIAL POLICY? ARE YOU REFERRING TO LEBANON? ARE YOU REFERRING TO SADAT? THERE IS NO SUBJECT THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING YOURSELF HERE TO.

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A. I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO A POINT-BY-POINT DISCUSSION.

Q. NO. BUT ARE YOU TALKING ESSENTIALLY ABOUT LEBANON? ARE YOQ TALKING ABOUT WHAT HE SAID ABOUT SADAT AND ZIONISM?

A. WELL, YOU KNOW, IF I WAS ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION, THEN I WOULD BE GETTING INTO A POINT-BY-POINT DISCUSSION. AS I HAVE TRIED TO INDICATE TO YOU, I AM NOT ABLE TO ENTER INTO A POINT-BY-POINT DISCUSSION.

Q. THIS IS NOT REALLY POINT-BY-POINT. THIS IS AREA-BY-AREA. CAN WE ASSUME IT WAS BOTH AREAS?

Q. I AM NOT ASKING YOU TO COMMENT ON AREAS. THERE ARE TWO BROAD SUBJECTS. THERE ARE LEBANON AND SADAT. CAN WE ASSUME YOUR ANSWER APPLIES TO BOTH THESE AREAS?

A. I THINK IT WILL BE VERY APPARENT WHEN YOU READ IT WHAT AREAS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

Q. HAS THIS GOVERNMENT RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY AMERICAN INTERVENTION IN CASE FOREIGN COUNTRIES BECOME INVOLVED IN THE LEBANON SITUATION?

A. I JUST STAND ON WHERE THE SPOKESMAN LEFT IT YESTERDAY, ON THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF INTERVENTION.

Q. IS AMBASSADOR TOON BEING RECALLED?

W. NO.

Q. IS HE BEING REPRIMANDED?

A. I SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONVEYED TO HIM ESSENTIALLY WHAT I HAVE JUST TOLD YOU.

Q. HAS HE ASKED YOU WHERE HE DEPARTED FROM OFFICIAL POLICY? HAS HE REPLIED?

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF WHAT EXCHANGES THERE HAVE BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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BETWEEN TEL AVIV AND WASHINGTON, OTHER THAN WHAT I HAVE JUST STATED.

Q. WHEN THIS FIRST CAME UP IT WAS SAID THAT MR. TOON HAD BEEN ASKED TO GIVE HIS VIEWS, AND THE IMPRESSION GIVEN WAS THAT THIS WAS SOLELY A PRESS MATTER, THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ASKED FOR THIS UNTIL THE PRESS INQUIRED ABOUT THE REMARKS. HAS THIS NOW GONE BEYOND PURELY A MATTER BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF PRESS RELATIONS AND MR. TOON?

A. I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION. YESTERDAY IT CAME UP. THERE WERE PRESS ACCOUNTS. THE AMBASSADOR HAD MADE SOME REMARKS IN HAIFA AND HE HAD ANSWERED SOME QUESTIONS THAT HAD BEEN PUT TO HIM BY THE PRESS FOLLOWING THESE REMARKS. YESTERDAY THE SITUATION WAS THAT WE HAD NO OTHER ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAD BEEN SAID OTHER THAN WHAT WE HAD READ IN VARIOUS PRESS ACCOUNTS. THEN WE ASKED FOR AN ACCOUNT, AND WE RECEIVED IT. AND I HAVE ANSWERED YOUR QUESTION. SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION.

Q. THE IMPRESSION GIVEN YESTERDAY WAS THIS WAS PURELY A MATTER INVOLVING THE PRESS SECTION. YOU WERE ASKED TO

CLARIFY MR. TOON'S REMARKS. AND THE PRESS SECTION -- THE SECRETARY'S ASSISTANT FOR PRESS RELATIONS WANTED A CLARIFICATION. AND SO IT TURNED TO MR. TOON. NOW IT SEEMS TO HAVE GONE BEYOND THAT.

A. YOU MEAN THAT MR. ANDERSON SENT A PERSONAL TELEGRAM TO AMBASSADOR TOON? IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SUGGESTING? RATHER THAN --

Q. A TELEGRAM WAS SENT PURELY TO CLARIFY A MISUNDERSTANDING WITH THE PRESS.

A. I DON'T RECALL. MY RECOLLECTION IS AS I HAVE JUST STATED IT. THE AMBASSADOR MADE SOME REMARKS WHICH WERE PUBLICLY REPORTED. WE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY ACCOUNT FROM THE EMBASSY. SO NEA, AS IS CUSTOMARY, SENT A TELEGRAM OUT TO TEL AVIV TO ASK FOR AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE SAID. WE HAVE RECEIVED IT AND WE WILL HAVE COPIES AVAILABLE FOR YOU.
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Q. HAS NEA NOW SENT HIM BACK THE MESSAGE SAYING THAT HE HAS DEPARTED FROM THE OFFICIAL POLICY?

A. THAT IS THE SAME QUESTION AGAPN. THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONVEYED TO HIM ESSENTIALLY WHAT I SAID AT THE OUTSET AT THIS MEETING.

Q. HAS AMBASSADOR TOON BEEN TOLD NOT TO TALK ANY MORE ABOUT ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH SADAT'S VISIT?

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH INSTRUCTIONS.

Q. BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN TOLD.

A. NO, I DO NOT.

Q. MAY I RETURN TO THE LEBANON MATTER FOR A SECOND? HAS THERE BEEN A PROTEST FROM SYRIA AGAPNST AMBASSADOR TOON'S REMARKS?

A. NO, NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF.

Q. FBIS YESTERDAY CARRIED A REPORT SAYING THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SUMMONED THE AMBASSADOR IN DAMASCUS TO PROTEST AMBASSADOR TOON'S REMARKS.

A. I WILL CHECK INTO THAT. I WAS NOT INFORMED OF THAT. AND I DID NOT SEE THAT FBIS REPORT.

Q. CAN YOU TELL ME WHETHER THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHO

WAS TESTIFYING ON THE HILL THIS MORNING, WAS CONSULTED
ABOUT THIS STATEMENT THAT YOU ISSUED HERE CONCERNING
AMBASSADOR TOON'S REMARKS?

A. YOU CAN ASSUME THAT I AM RESPONDING TO YOUR QUESTIONS
ON THIS AS SPOKESMAN, AND MY REPLIES REPRESENT THE
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